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Chingam (for Karkadagam 1106)	Rs.	95	2	0
Kanni (for Chingam 1107)	,,	252	10	0
Thulam (for Kanni)	,,	134	0	0
Vrischigam (for Thulam)	,,	132	0	0
Dhanu (for Vrischigam)	,,	54	10	0
Makaram (for Dhanu)	,,	113	4	0
Kumbham (for Makaram)	,,	85	6	0
Meenam (for Kumbham)	,,	110	0	0
Medam (for Meenam)	,,	138	3	0
Edavam (for Medam)	,,	129	2	0

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao is entitled to any travel ling allowance if he does not travel beyond 10 miles from Ernakulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I am entitled to daily allowance.

Mr. C A. Ouseph.—I am speaking of travelling allowance.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Daily allowance forms part of travelling allowance.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I to take it that the amounts given here include daily allowance also?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It includes.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It includes daily allowance, trainage and mileage.

Medical Board to examine a mid-wife who applied for leave.

186. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a Medical Board was constituted for examining a mid-wife who had applied for leave; if so, will the Government kindly place the report of the Board on the table?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes. The report is confidential.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, what was the object of the examination of this mid-wife?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There was a difference of opinion and therefore Government ordered that the mid-wife should be examined.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Difference of opinion between which officers?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not between officers. There was some private certificate.

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Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know who were the members of this Board?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Chief Medical Officer, Civil Surgeon Mr. Thariyan Varugis and Civil Surgeon Mr. C. L Joseph.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the nature of the difference of opinion? Who are the persons who held the opposite view?.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I mentioned it was a private certificate.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What was the object of this examination, to ascertain what? Was the examination conducted?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The mid-wife was refused leave on the ground that the Civil Surgeon, Trichur, and the Assistant Surgeon, Maternity Hospital, declared that she was fit for duty. Subsequent to that she appealed to the Government producing a certificate from a private Medical Practitioner stating that she was ill. As there was this difference of opinion the Government ordered for the examination.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it the policy of the Government to appoint a Medical Board to ascertain cases whether they ought to give leave to mid-wives and other subordinate servants?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao—This looks like a hypothetical question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—My question is, is it out of a policy laid down by the Government that they ordered the formation or appointment of the Board.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sir, I want notice.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Was any such Board constituted before?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer examine the mid-wife before orders were passed on the leave application?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was not the Government in the habit of referring such cases to the decision of the Chief Medical Officer before?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There was no necessity for referring such cases to the Chief Medical Officer.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What was the special necessity for appointing a Board in this matter?

President.—That was twice answered.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it not enough if the Chief Medical Officer examined the mid-wife?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Government thought otherwise and naturally passed orders.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know who instituted the Board? The Chief Medical Officer or the Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Government suggested two names and said that the third may be appointed by the Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there any non-official member in the Board?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—None.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the idea of instituting a Board emanated from the Chief Medical Officer or the Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—From the Government.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Were all the Members, who inspected the mid-wife, unanimous in their opinion?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is confidential.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know who is the private Practitioner referred to in the answer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Dr. A. R. Menon.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether one Medical Officer who is in Government service who examined the mid-wife first gave certificate that she is really unwell?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Civil Surgeon, Trichur, gave a private note stating certain complaints in vague terms from which the mid-wife was ailing. Not a certificate.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Did that private note accompany her leave application?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It did.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the matter was referred to the Civil Surgeon?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know how he reported—fit or unfit?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He reported that she was fit for doing duty.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether it was after the private note was sent to the Chief Medical Officer that that report was obtained from the Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Maternity Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It cannot exactly be so.

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether any certificate accompanied the application for leave?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have to refer to the records.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether an Ayurvedic Physician, who is the Physician for the Royal Family, gave a certificate stating that she is under his treatment?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes. That was subsequently.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether after receiving that certificate the petitioner's request was rejected?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know, then, what was the reason for instituting this Board?

President.—The question was twice answered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—On a point of information, Sir. The other day a question was raised whether supplementary questions can be put in the absence of the Member putting the question. The President was pleased to promise that he will consider it. May I know whether there is any definite ruling regarding that?

President.—I definitely ruled that, when the Member was not in the House, supplementary questions could not be asked. But the question to be decided is whether these questions should find a place in the printed proceedings of the House. It is under consideration.

Appointment of a Medical Board for the administration of the Medical Department.

187. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Has the Government considered the question of transferring the administration of the Medical Department from the single shoulder of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to a board of three including a non-official with the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer as President?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Receipts on account of increased duty on petrol.

188. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any amount from the British Government on account of the increased duty on petrol after the report of the Roads Committee;

(b) if so, when and what were the amounts so received?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 61,400 in Meenam 1107.

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